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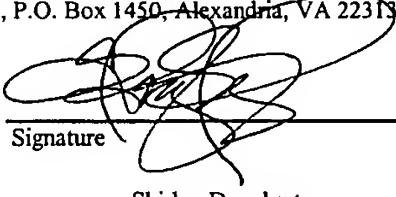
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement of November 1, 2004.

Claims 1-41 are currently pending in the application and subject to a Restriction Requirement. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 12, 14-18, and to prosecute the claims designated "linking claim(s)," claims 1-11, 19-24, 29-34 and 38. (See, Office Action of November 1, 2004, at page 3.)

Applicants note that claims 1-11, 19-24, 29-34 and 38 are also still pending and link the inventions of Group I with the inventions of Group II. (*Id.*) The Examiner states that "the restriction requirement between the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the

linking claim(s)." (*Id.*) Thus, "upon allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn." (*Id.*)

## CONCLUSION

In light of the above election of Group I, applicants respectfully request prompt action on the merits. If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, or if the Office should determine that there are additional issues which might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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